

The Romulus News

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Timely Tidbits ...

Crop Walk: Oct. 1

On Sunday, October 1, students at Romulus High School will be taking part in the local Crop Walk program to raise money for the hungry in our area and around the world. To make your pledge, contact Kathy Hurst at the High School (734-941-2170, ext. 809) or call Community United Methodist Church (734-941-0736).

"Rain Forest" Show Has Live Animals

Romulus Community Schools is inviting the public to attend "Live On Stage: The Rain Forest."

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"The Rain Forest" will be presented at Romulus High School on Tuesday, September 26. Show times are 5 and 7 p.m. Tickets (\$6 for adults; \$3 for children three and up; free for tots two and under) will be available at the door. (Note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.)

RHS Alumni Invited To Baseball Game

Romulus High School's baseball team will sponsor the sixth annual Alumni Baseball Game (for graduates of all ages) at Charley Lau Field (behind the High School) on Wednesday, October 11. The Home Run Derby will begin at 6:30 p.m.; the game (odd years vs. even years) at 7 p.m.

A \$20-per-person game fee includes a game shirt, pizza, and pop; participation in the Home Run Derby is extra (\$5 for five swings from the pitcher's mound).

For registration information, contact the Romulus High School athletic office (734-941-2170, ext. 191) or call RHS Head Baseball Coach Keith Brothers at the Romulus Recreation Center (942-6852).

City Got Jump on Fall with Pumpkin Fest

The first frosty fingers of fall touched our town a few days early this year, just in time – appropriately enough – for the "Parade of Lights" kickoff to the annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival.

On Friday, September 15, thousands of onlookers gathered to witness this truly scintillating event, which featured spectacularly lighted floats and other vehicles traveling through the deliciously dark, delightfully nippy streets of the downtown area. The most fabulous float of all was the first-place "Farmer Jim and His Giant Jack-o-lantern," an entry that was laboriously but lovingly constructed by Parade Committee members and their families. An entry from Osborne Concrete placed second, while the Romulus Community Schools finished third. (See pages 6 and 7 for more photos.)

The enormous success of the Parade of Lights carried through the entire weekend, as families came out to enjoy the sights and sounds of the annual street fair, and to experience its savor. There was plenty of friendly competition, too, as people of all ages took part in seed-spitting and bubble-blowing contests, sack races and shoe piles.

The following is a list of the various competition winners. Congratulations to all.

Diaper Derby

King: Zachary Mooney. Queen: Charlotte Sharrow.

Sack Races

Quinn Chapman (age 3), Hannah Yocum (age 4), Tyler Robbins (age 5), James Chapman (age 6), Tory McClellan (age 7), Stephen Baccus (age 8/boys), Megan McMann (age 8/girls), Chad Williams (age 9), Scarlett Novak (age 10), Ben Tuttle (age 11), Jessica Modrynski (ages 12+), and Jennifer Bunyak (adults).

Shoe-pile Contests

Danielle Herbert (ages 3–5), Tory McClellan (ages 6–7), Joseph Herbert (age 9), Opal Randolph (ages 10+), and Mike Fyfe (adults).

Bubble-blowing Contests (Saturday)

Megan McMann (age 8), Joe Brymer (age 9), Scarlet Novak (age 10), Lauren McMann (ages 12+), and Lisa Toby (adults).

Bubble-blowing Contests (Sunday)

Donovan Kallabat (ages 8–), Scarlet Novak (ages 9–11), Billie Jean Moomaw (ages 12+), and Hellen Carroll (adults).



"Jack" – the first-place entry in the annual "Parade of Lights" – was constructed by Parade Committee members and their families.

Seed-spitting Contests

Hannah Yocum (ages 3–4), Danielle Herbert (ages 5–6), Ronnie Leland (ages 7–8), Chad Williams (ages 9–10), Kris Duprey (ages 11+), Randy McKinney (men), and Raina Bader (women).

Pie-eating Contests

Charlie Miller (age 3), Kaessi Torres (ages 4–6), Ronnie Leland (ages 8–9), Scarlet Novak (ages 10–11), Christina Bently (teens), and James Babnaw (adults).

Hay-rolling Contests

Brittany McGlynn (ages 2–3), Anna Yocum (age 4), Tyler Robbins (age 5), James Chapman IV (age 6/boys), Tory McClean (ages 6–7/girls), Ronnie Leland (age 8), Chad Williams (age 9/boys), Scarlett Novak (age 9/girls), Toni Gillingham (age 11), Justin Chapman (ages 12+), Shane Elwart (men), and Jennifer Bunyak (women).


Pumpkin-rolling Contests

Katie Orr (age 3), Billy Toner II (age 10)

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Pastor Steve Adams (right) congratulates the members of the "Rom Town" team, which won the third annual Hockey Tournament (a Pumpkin Festival event) sponsored by the Romulus Wesleyan Church. The team consists of (from left): front row – Andrew McNeill, Chris Anderson, Rick Hadyniak, Brandon Hindman, and Mark Britz; back row – Brad Hindman and Lonnie McCullum. Everyone enjoyed free hot dogs, pop, snow cones, cotton candy, and kiddie games. Winners took home trophies.



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Instructors for the program included Romulus Police Lieutenant Daryl Poe and Officers Tom Ellis and Anthony Norman, as well as Sergeant Larry Sergeant, a Michigan Department of Natural Resources representative who gave a special presentation using a shooting simulator. Romulus Department of Public Works employee Dwayne Parker also assisted. □



Assistant Dwayne Parker shows students a compound bow.

L.A. Ganz Sponsors a "Beauty Extravaganza" for Young Girls

In the spirit of "giving back to the community," Michelle Mantel, proprietor of the L.A. Ganz Unisex Salon in Romulus, and her assistant, Betty Mattison, recently donated their time and services to offer a program on beauty and personal grooming to 13 area girls.

This "beauty extravaganza" was organized by Nezzie Daniels and Pat Farris, Sunday School teachers at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, to reward members of their Junior Girls (ages 9–13) class for their active participation in Sunday School lessons and church activities. Those who attended included Gabrielle Borden, Marshae Brazier, Brittini Brown, Brittany Haney, Mariah Haney, Virginia Sharpe, Sierra Stewart, Aiesha Watkins, Louise Whitfield, Jessica Williams, Chasidy Wilson, Jackie Wilson, Shakita Wilson, and parent Angie Brazier.

When the girls arrived at L.A. Ganz, they were warmly greeted by Mantel and Mattison, who began the afternoon by serving them a hearty and nutritious lunch. A tour of the shop followed, along with an explanation of its history and the different services that are offered. Mantel and Mattison also answered the girls' questions on a number of subjects — including "What is a cosmetologist?" — and gave a lecture on beauty as a career or a second source of income.

Finally, the young women were given an interactive lesson on how to do a proper manicure and facial. Mantel and Mattison discussed the fact that women are always creating new beauty techniques, and emphasized the point that, as young ladies, they will always need personal grooming. The overall objective, said Mantel, was to teach the girls that beauty comes from within.

At the end of the day, a complimentary gift package was passed out to



Michelle Mantel gives beauty tips to Virginia Sharpe.

each of the girls. It contained personal supplies such as deodorant, lotions, files, orange sticks, nail polish, and cotton balls.

The girls were also given angel pins to remind them of the guardians who watch over them daily.

"This glamorous day was the first of three planned sessions," explained Daniels. "It was deeply enjoyed, and all are looking forward to the next one."

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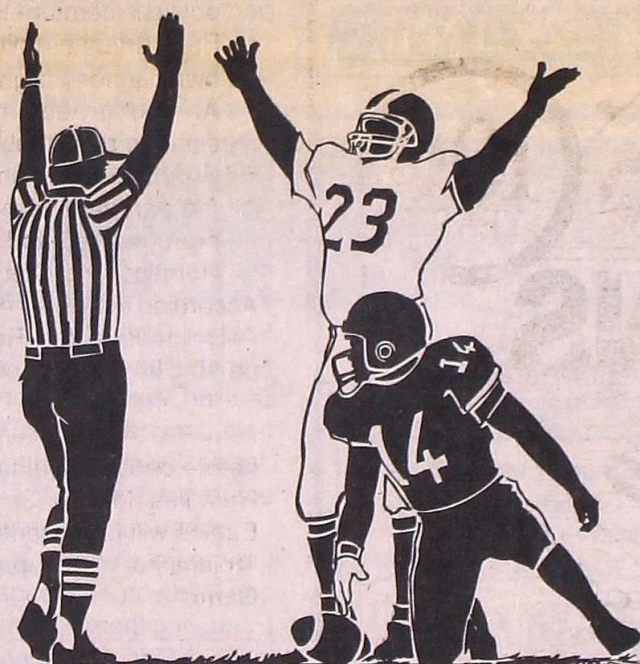
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Description of Entry _____

Number of Participants _____

Send entries to Jason Kahler c/o Romulus High School, 9650 Wayne Rd.,
Romulus, MI 48174; fax to 734-941-0518. Call 941-2170, x123, for info.**Deadline for registration is Friday, September 29.**

Preparations Underway for the RHS Homecoming Celebration

Preparations are underway for Romulus High School's Homecoming Week 2000 program, according to Student Government advisor Jason Kahler.

Because the theme of this year's celebration will not be revealed until September 27, when students will hold their first float meetings, Kahler could not furnish specific information regarding dress-up days and other Spirit Week activities. He did, however, address details regarding the parade, the voting for Homecoming King and Queen, and the Homecoming Dance, as well as the game itself.

"This year, we're strongly urging the community to become involved in the parade," said Kahler. "Marching bands, youth groups, and other organizations can register, free of charge, by filling out a form and returning it to the High School."

Kahler asked potential entrants to note and abide by the following parade rules.

- Objects (candy, fliers, etc.) may not be thrown to the crowd along the parade route.
- Political advertising or distribution of political literature is prohibited.
- Each group or unit must provide its own banner or sign stating its name.
- Animal groups must provide a cleanup detail behind the group.
- Groups/units cannot participate in the parade unless they have been preregistered and approved by the Homecoming Committee.

According to Kahler, entrants will begin their lineup in the Romulus City Hall parking lot at 4 p.m. on Friday, October 6. The parade will follow its usual route (Gabriel to Goddard to Neville to Ozga) before ending up at the athletic field at Romulus Middle School, where the Eagles will face Trenton High School's Trojans for the 7 p.m. Homecoming Game.

Of special note this year will be the process of choosing the Homecoming King and Queen.

"We're going to do things a little differently this year," Kahler explained. "At the suggestion of Student Government advisor Kristina Mahaney, our 'resident technical wizard,' Phil Rossman, has set up a Web page for an electronic voting system. Students can log on to the page from any Internet-capable computer, including those here at the school."

"To insure that no student can vote more than once, each will be issued a single voter registration number that must be used in order to cast a ballot," he added.

Winners of the King and Queen voting will be announced during the Homecoming Game's halftime festivities, along with the winner of the float competition and the highly prized Spirit Jug.

Homecoming Week festivities will wrap up with the annual dance, to be held at the High School on Saturday, October 7, from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets will be available for purchase during student lunch periods until all are sold. Since this event sells out every year, Kahler advises those who plan to attend to get their tickets early.

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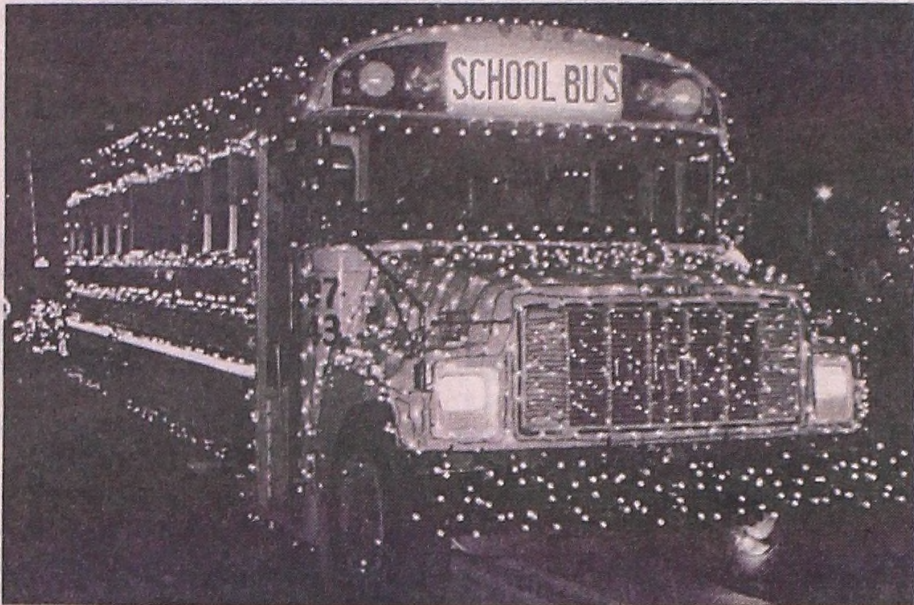
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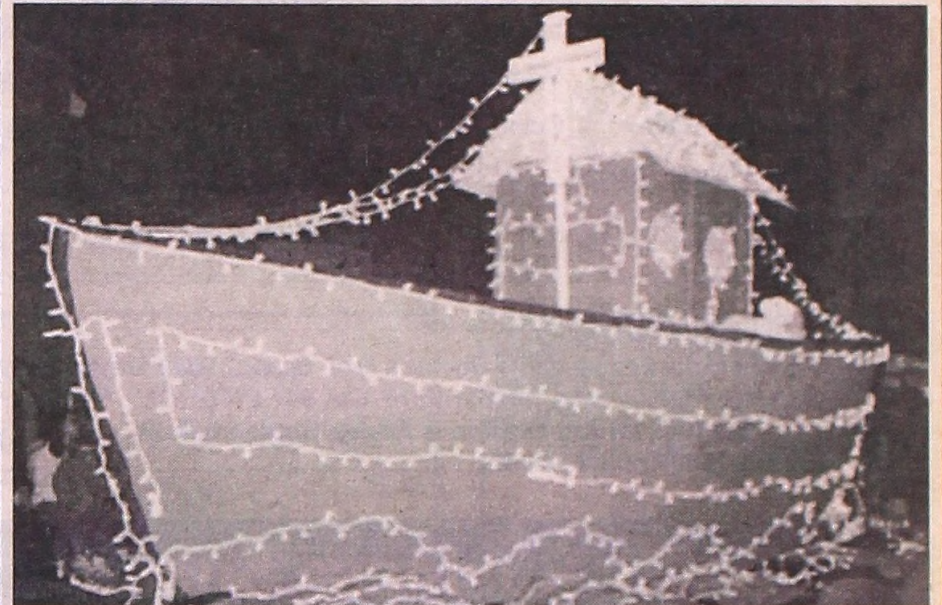
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Parade of Lights



Entries included this third-place winner from the Romulus Schools ...



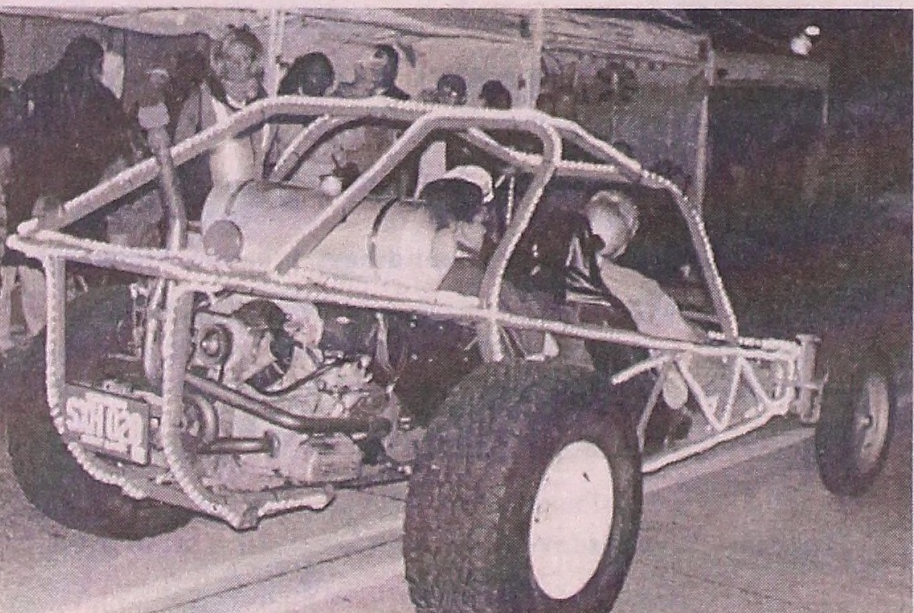
... this one from Community United Methodist Church ...



... this one from Karen "Wingnut" Dumm ...



... and this one from the City of Romulus DPW.



Dune buggies were a popular entry ...



... as, of course, were pumpkins.

Parade of Lights



That's Jeffe McGrane in front of the entry from Osborne Concrete, which won the second-place prize.



The Bostain family posed in front of the first-place entry created by Parade Committee members and their families.



Brian Thiede enjoyed being part of the second annual "Festival of Lights" parade, which was even bigger and better than last year's event.



Standing in front of the R.L. Evans entry were (from left) Melissa Redding, Carol Graczyk, Joyce Evans, Amy Hudson, and Rich Evans.



(From left) Laura Stafford, Silvia Rossier, and Sharon Bokor were on hand to represent the Romulus Post Office.



(From left) That's Oscar Hamilton, Sylvia Dubisky, Louise Shropshire, Mary Sneath, Margaret Maciejewski, Viola Willoughby, and Marion Ferch.

District's Compact Promotes Commitment To Education

With the start of another school year, students, parents, and staff members are again being asked to demonstrate their commitment to excellence in education by signing the Romulus Community Schools "Compact," a document which has received national recognition for promoting a dramatic increase in parental involvement.

Although the compact is in its sixth year of use, district spokesperson Dick Kruse says that some members of the community – mostly those who do not have children enrolled in school – are unfamiliar with its content and purpose.

"Actually, the terms of the compact are nothing more than a set of common-sense guidelines," explained Kruse. "Those who sign this 'voluntary contract' are merely acknowledging their willingness to do everything in their power to make the most of our children's educational opportunities.

"I hope that everyone who is curious about the compact will take the time to read it through," he added. "The district welcomes all questions and suggestions concerning it."

The text of the student, parent, and school portions of the district's compact appear below.

The Student

Students achieve more when they know exactly what they are expected to learn. As a student, you are invited to be a participant in the Romulus Community Schools Compact.

Students as Participants

As a student of the Romulus Community Schools, I, _____, will strive to:

- show respect for myself, other students and the staff;
- attend school daily and be on time;
- come to school with a positive attitude, prepared to learn;
- ask questions until the lesson is understood and mastered;
- complete all homework assignments accurately, neatly and on time;

- develop good study habits, as well as good written and oral communication skills;
- use the technological resources available to my school;
- practice good hygiene and good nutrition, get ample sleep and dress appropriately;
- participate in activities at school and in the community that promote harmony and learning;
- participate in extended programs such as tutoring, extended year, and enrichment which will enable me to reach grade-level mastery and beyond;
- practice ways of handling conflict at school, on the bus (bus stop), and during extra curricular activities in nonviolent ways;
- follow the rules and safety regulations of the bus, playground, athletic team(s), Science Lab, and Vocational Lab(s);
- be a positive role model when representing the school district on field trips, athletic competition, vocational competitions, etc.

Student Pledge

I pledge that I will not bring any weapons to school, nor will I indulge in behavior involving drugs, alcohol, tobacco or gangs.

The Home

Effective schools are the result of community, families and school staff working together to ensure that children are successful in school. A compact is a voluntary agreement between these parties which firmly unites them.

Parents/Guardians as Role Models

As a parent/guardian, I, _____, will strive to:

- show respect and support for my child, the staff and the school;
- see that my child attends school regularly and is on time;
- encourage my child to complete all homework assignments;

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Dinner/Discussion Puts Focus on Breast Cancer

The 21st Century Learning Center's next "Health, Family, and You" dinner/discussion program – to be held at Wick Elementary on Thursday, October 19 – will focus on breast-cancer awareness. Dinner (6–6:20 p.m.) will be followed by a guest speaker (6:20–6:50 p.m.) and Q&A (6:50–7 p.m.). Children will attend a related presentation especially for them.

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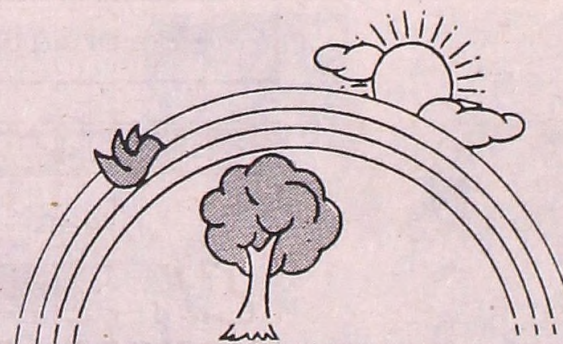
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- attend parent-teacher conferences;
- support the school in developing positive behaviors in my child;
- take an interest in my child's school activities and education daily by: attending school functions, award ceremonies, music and dramatic performances, athletic events, Science Fairs, career and college fairs, music and vocational competitions, etc.;
- discussing my child's school progress with him/her;
- encourage my child to read at home and apply all learning to daily life;
- monitor the content of the television programs, and internet activity especially those programs that encourage violence and drug use.

Parent Pledge

I pledge to help my children be successful by volunteering at least 3 hours per year at my child's school and/or providing other support to the teachers.

The School

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- require my staff to demonstrate professional demeanor and adhere to all policies of a district employee;
- provide expanded opportunities for all students to reach mastery-level learning and beyond;
- provide parents with opportunities to enhance parenting skills and with training to better assist in their children's learning;
- communicate with families regarding academic progress and any behavioral concerns in a timely manner;
- provide an opportunity for parents to attend Parent/Teacher Conferences at least twice per academic year;
- provide an environment which shows respect for all, and which values the uniqueness of each child and his/her family;
- resolve conflict in a positive, non-violent manner;
- provide ways to involve parents in the school program;
- attend extra-curricular events of the school and the district.

Staff Pledge

We pledge to provide a challenging and enriching academic program for all students in a clean, safe and caring environment. □

Community Calendar

- **Special Events at Belleville Farmer's Market** – The City of Belleville is sponsoring a weekly Farmer's Market which will open at 8 a.m. each Saturday through October 28. The market is located in the Fourth Street parking lot behind the Museum at 405 Main Street. Vendors are invited to bring their fresh produce and food items, as well as homemade baked goods and other homemade food products to sell. A couple of special events have been planned for the upcoming weeks, including two **Baking Contests** (September 23 – recipes for baked pies using fruits, and October 21 – all types of baking recipes using pumpkin).
- **Deadline for "Name That School" Contest Approaches** – Romulus Community Schools is inviting the public to submit suggestions for the name of the district's new elementary school, scheduled to open its doors in the fall of 2001. Suggestions may be submitted at the district's administrative office (36540 Grant Road) or any school building. Deadline for submissions is Friday, September 29. A committee appointed to review the suggestions will make its recommendation to the full Board of Education at the Board's Monday, October 23 meeting.
- **Bake/Rummage Sale** – Whispering Willows apartments (located at 11100 Wayne Road, across from City Hall) invites the public to attend its annual bake and rummage sale, to be held *inside the building* from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, October 6, and Saturday, October 7.
- **RHS Class of 1975 Hosts 25-year Reunion** – Romulus High School's Class of 1975 will host its 25-year reunion on Saturday, October 7, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dearborn Heights. Tickets are \$30 per person/\$60 per couple. Deadline for registration is September 25. For more information, call either Annie (Flowers) Hadyniak (734-941-8032) or Peggy (Stears) Staten (941-7464).
- **St. Paul's Seeks Crafters** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) is looking for crafters who would like to participate in its 17th annual craft show, set for Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9 (Apple Fest weekend). Space only is \$30; space with table is \$35. For information/application, call either Jennefer Canell (734-754-5844), Ilene Shaffer (753-4534), or the Church (753-9048).
- **Storytime at the Library** – "Zoo Animal Fun" is the theme of the Library's Fall Storytime Program for children ages three to five who are ready for independent listening, but are not yet in kindergarten. Parents can choose between Tuesday evening (7 p.m.) or Thursday morning (10:30 a.m.) sessions, which begin the week of October 10/12 and conclude the week of November 14/16. Each will feature an entertaining medley of stories, games, and crafts. Although this is a free program, preregistration is required, as space is limited. For more information, call 734-942-7589.
- **"Seasonal Craft Saturdays" at the Library** – The Romulus Public Library invites children in grades one through five to take part in one-day, seasonal craft classes to be held on the following Saturdays beginning at 10:30 a.m.: October 21, November 18, and December 2. Although the classes are free, preregistration is required, since space is limited and materials must be planned for. For more information, contact the Library at 734-942-7589.
- **Special Events at the Library** – The Romulus Public Library urges parents to mark their calendars for Teen Read Week (October 15–21) and Children's Book Week (November 12–18). For more information, call the Library at 734-942-7589.
- **Cookbook Sale Benefits Historical Society** – Copies of the Romulus Historical Society's new cookbook, packed with favorite classic recipes, are still available for only \$5 each. Sales of the cookbook will help support the Society's goal of restoring and preserving Romulus history. To purchase your copy, stop in at the Historical Museum (near the Post Office on Hunt Street) any Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m., or call 734-697-9628.
- **Head Start Seeks Students** – The Romulus Head Start Program is now registering eligible three- and four-year-old children for the 2000–2001 school year. This free preschool program, held at Beverly School (35408 Beverly Road), serves children from low-income families, foster children, and children with disabilities. For more information, call 734-727-9920.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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4), Nancy Burcroff (age 5), James Chapman IV (age 6/boys), Katherine Farrand (age 6/girls), Jesse McCrane (age 7/boys), Nicole Blanton (age 7/girls), Ronnie Leland (age 8/boys), Raven Toner (age 8/girls), Chad Williams (age 9/boys), MaryAnn Watts (age 9/girls), Aaron McMann (age 10/boys), Alys Long (age 10/girls), Ben Tutel (age 11/boys), Brittani Summers (age 11/girls), Lauren McMann (ages 12+), and Kenneth Henry (adults).

Pumpkin Contests

Justin Chapman (largest), Donna Greca (smallest), and Emily Lewkowicz (best-carved).

Sunflower-growing Contests

Sophie Blanton (shortest), Heather Kitchens (tallest), Paul Lewkowicz (largest face), and David Wilson, Jr. (smallest face).

Home-canning Contests

Jim and Sandy Chapman (peppers, stewed tomatoes, tomato juice), the Coak family (green tomatoes), Wilhel-

mina Gadison (jams/jellies), Randy Moffat (salsa), Michele Reinhart (corn relish), Phillip Roscoe (pickles), Steve Trubilowicz (beets, pickled vegetables), and Tom Wilson (applesauce).

Baking Contests

Cheryl Blanton (peach, pumpkin, overall best pies; cake and "most unique recipe" w/pumpkin) and Wilhelmina Gadison (apple, sweet-potato pies).

Floral-arranging Contests

Rosalie Berlinn (silk) and Angie Hicks (live). □

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REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 28, 2000

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, August 28, 2000, was called to order by President Michael Woods at 6:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8/00/15 Moved by Dick supported by Lambert to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

8/00/16 Moved by Lenossi supported by McCraight to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 14, 2000. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Mary Blake, 5th-grade Teacher, Merriman Elementary, Effective August 28, 2000.

8/00/17 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn to accept the employment of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS: Corrine Filbert, Paraprofessional, Self-contained Classroom, Middle School, Effective August 14, 2000; Kevin Murphy, Physical-education Teacher, Wick Elementary, Effective August 15, 2000; Michelle Zambo, 5th-grade Teacher, Merriman Elementary, Effective August 21, 2000; and Daniel Zinnikas, Science Teacher, Community High School, Effective August 21, 2000.

8/00/18 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn to accept the resignations of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT: Nora Vernatter, Cafeteria, Halecreek Elementary, Effective August 7, 2000.

8/00/19 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi to approve the retirement of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Recognition of Retirees

8/00/20 Moved by Webb supported by Berlinn to approve the resolution in recognition of service to the Romulus Community Schools to Doreen A. McEvilly. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

8/00/21 Moved by Webb supported by Berlinn to approve the resolution in recognition of service to the Romulus Community Schools to Dr. William M. Bedell. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

8/00/22 Moved by Webb supported by Lenossi to approve the resolution in recognition of service to the Romulus Community Schools to Dr. Samuel B. La Monica. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

8/00/23 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Awarding of Contracts – New Elementary

8/00/24 Moved by Webb supported by Berlinn to accept the low bidders – as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Business and Operations; Todd Ketola, Senior Project Manager, Barton Malow Company; and Kingscott and Associates – for the New Elementary School for Contract Awards for Bid Package No. 3 (Masonry, Food-service Equipment, Mechanical, and Electrical) as follows.

Bid Category	Contractor	Award Amt.
04200 Masonry	Leidel & Hart Masonry	\$1,166,679
05100 Metal Fabrications	Nelson Iron	\$ 35,200
08100 Metal Doors, Frames, and Hardware	Oshtemo Hill	\$ 95,624

Bid Category (continued)

11400 Food Service Equipment
13900 Fire Suppression
15050 Mechanical
16050 Electrical

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

21st Century Grant Presentation

Deanna Strong Forester, Project Director of Romulus Community Schools' 21st Century Community Learning Centers, presented the Board with an overview of after-school activities being scheduled at Merriman Elementary, Wick Elementary, and Romulus Middle School for the 2000/2001 school year, which include programs as follows: Cartooning, Pom Pom, Bead Buddies Club, Tae Kwon Do, Reading, and Homework Help at the Elementary Schools, and Film Club, Animation, Jewelry-making and Bead Works, Choir and Dance, Reading, and Homework Help at the Middle School.

Middle Cities Membership

8/00/25 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert to concur with the recommendation of the Superintendent, Joel R. Carr, and approve membership in the Middle Cities Association for the 2000/2001 school year at a cost of \$5,971. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Recreation Department – Cosponsorship

8/00/26 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn that the Board cosponsor the 2000–2001 after-school recreational programs requested by the City of Romulus Department of Recreation (i.e., third- through sixth-grade students). Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (Dick). Motion carried.

School Readiness Program

8/00/27 Moved by Dick supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education adopt a resolution to participate in the School Readiness Program. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications and expressions from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent of Schools, provided the Board of Education with communication from the Wayne County Department of Public Health concerning hearing and vision screening of students for the 1999–2000 school year. Mr. Carr also provided the Board with a copy of an invitation from the Northville Public Schools' Board of Education, inviting Romulus to attend the dedication of the district's new Northville High School on September 10, 2000. Mr. Carr further provided the Board of Education with a copy of the "Welcome Back" communication sent by him to all employees.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Debbie Dick stated that she will schedule a meeting with Mr. Alan Lambert and Mrs. Eva Webb for the purpose of discussing cable TV. Mrs. Dick also mentioned that Mr. Keith Brothers is looking for hole sponsors for a golf outing sponsored by the Romulus High School baseball team on September 23, 2000. Mrs. Dick further mentioned the need for a policy meeting being scheduled.

Mr. Billy McCraight expressed his concern about motorcycles on Wick Elementary School property after school.

Mrs. Eva Webb expressed her concern about the need for an additional counselor to help seniors at Romulus High School.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT:

8/00/28 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva W. Webb, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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The Stork Arrived

Taylor Jonas Bergman



Taylor Jonas Bergman

Jon and Rachelle Bergman of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Taylor Jonas Bergman.

Born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 5:04 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2000, Taylor weighed in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and measured 21 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival were big brother Travis and big sister Taryn.

Taylor's paternal grandparents are Jim Bergman (Romulus, MI) and Marge Bergman (Fort Myers, FL); Warren and Dorothy Gibbs (Romulus, MI) are his maternal grandparents.

MaKayla Marie Bush

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, MaKayla Marie Bush, are Kevin and Kristina Bush of Romulus, Michigan.

The blonde, blue-eyed MaKayla was born in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center (Wayne, MI) at 12:41 p.m. on Sunday, June 25, 2000, weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and measuring 19 inches in length.

Among those giving MaKayla a warm and loving welcome into her new family were her paternal grandparents, Jim and Janet Bush (Taylor, MI), and her maternal grandparents, Harry and Janet Atherton (Romulus, MI).



MaKayla Marie Bush

Tanner James Zabik



Tanner James Zabik

Nathan and Mary Zabik of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Tanner James Zabik.

Born in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center (Wayne, MI) at 4:10 a.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2000, Tanner weighed in at 6 pounds, 4 ounces, and measured 19 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival was big brother Jeremy, who is 4½ years old.

Tanner's paternal grandparents are Ed and Judy Zabik; James and Rose Silvey are his maternal grandparents (all of Romulus, MI). □

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, please call 734-942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of September: Eva Baker, Alice Briggs, and Mary Scott.

Bake/Rummage Sale

Whispering Willows apartments (located at 11100 Wayne Road, across from City Hall) invites the public to attend its annual bake and rummage sale, to be held *inside the building* from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, October 6, and Saturday, October 7.

Flu Shots

Mark your calendar and roll up your sleeve for your yearly flu shot, which will be available at the Senior Center on Monday, October 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For those who have Medicare "A" and "B," there is no charge; all others must pay a \$5 fee. (To ensure that enough serum will be available, the Center is asking those who plan to get a shot to call ahead and preregister.)

Senior Support Group To Form

"Death, divorce, failed expectations, severe injury, major illness, loneliness, depression . . . these are experiences that hurt and bring pain," says Linda Norman, the Senior Center's Program Coordinator. "They are a part of being human; no one is immune."

That's why anyone who is facing a difficult time, needs help, or would just like to talk is urged to join the Center's new Senior Support Groups, which will meet each Monday from 4 to 5 p.m. beginning October 2 (Group I), and each Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. beginning October 5 (Group II). Note: Dates and times are subject to change.

There is no charge to participate.

Shopping

For a transportation fee of just \$1.50, Romulus senior citizens can ride the Center's van for shopping at the Meijer and Wal-Mart stores in Monroe on Thursday, September 28, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Since space is limited, seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment of the transportation fee reserves your seat. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list. Sign up at the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 734-942-6852.

- **Houghton Lake Cruise**
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- **Cornwell's Dinner Theatre**
(November 17; \$56),
- **Niagara Falls w/Casino Niagara**
(December 7-8; \$119), and
- **Hawaii Cruise/Tour**
(19 days/September '01; \$2,449).

Crime Watch

Crime Prevention Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 9 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 28, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. New faces are always welcome.

Focus: HOPE

Beginning this month, the Romulus Senior Center will be serving as a distribution center for Focus: HOPE food.

To qualify for the program, you must:

- be a resident of the Tri-County/Wash-tenaw area,
- be 60 years of age or older, and
- fall within the program's income guidelines.

Registrations will be accepted at the Center on Saturday, September 23, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Please note that proof of income must be provided at the time of registration.

Haircuts

The next date for the Romulus Senior Center's haircut service is Monday, October 16, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Note: All haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

TeleCare Program Available

The Romulus Senior Center's TeleCare program provides seniors with daily phone reassurance at no cost. To learn more, call the Center and ask to speak to Barb or Noel. They'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call at least 24 hours in advance.

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